



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **Roosevelt Reservoir out-of-service period extended until 2016**

*Seattle Public Utilities to conduct citywide seismic study on drinking water system*

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### **PROJECT / DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

Roosevelt Reservoir, located at NE 75th Street and 12th Avenue, in the Roosevelt neighborhood, was taken out of service in April 2013 for a two-year decommissioning test. The test was to evaluate whether the reservoir could be permanently removed from Seattle's drinking water distribution system and was scheduled to conclude in the spring of 2015.

While the two-year test period is still underway, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) has learned it will need to conduct some additional tests, including a seismic evaluation, which will look at how well the City's entire drinking water distribution system would perform in a large earthquake. Water storage for both drinking water and fire flow will be an important aspect of this study, and the potential water storage in the Roosevelt Reservoir in a post-earthquake scenario will be considered.

The results from the seismic study may not be available until early- to mid-2016. At that time, SPU will have the critical information it needs to decide the future use of Roosevelt Reservoir, and whether it could declare the property surplus to its drinking water utility system. If SPU were to proceed with property surplus, the City of Seattle would conduct a thorough process to determine the best future use of the property. This process would include many opportunities for public involvement and feedback.

Until the seismic study is complete and a decision is made about the reservoir, it is important to note that SPU is not conducting any community planning activities to identify future use(s) of the property. At this time, SPU is focused on conducting a complete and thorough evaluation of Roosevelt Reservoir.

For project updates and additional information, we encourage you to visit our [website](#) or contact Cyndy Holtz at (206) 386-1990 or [cyndy.holtz@seattle.gov](mailto:cyndy.holtz@seattle.gov).

In addition to providing a reliable water supply to more than 1.45 million customers in the Seattle metropolitan area, SPU provides essential sewer, drainage, solid waste and engineering services that safeguard public health, maintain the city's infrastructure and protect, conserve and enhance the region's environmental resources.

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